ART NEWS AND REVIEWS—WATER COLORS SHOWN IN BROOKLYN MUSEUM

Best Collection of American Picture Ever Assembled is Shown Across the Bridges-Homer, Sargent,

Lafarge and Blum Represented.

By HENRY M'BRIDE.

THE Metropolitan Museum has nothing on the Brooklyn Museum nothing at all. Everything that the Anonymous Letter Writer said of last summer's collection of modern art at the Metropolitan can be said again of the present exhibition of American water colors in Brooklyn-and more besides. The instigators and abettors of this exhibition flagrantly show themselves to be up to date, open minded, broad minded and generous. The best collection of American water colors that has ever been seen is the result of their efforts. It is a service to art. artists and the country, and people of refined tastes should flock to the heights of Brooklyn. But apparently they don't.

On the day of my visit there were perhaps a dozen hardy explorers enjoying themselves.

If only the Anonymous Letter Writer could be stirred again to activity what a boon it would be! The attendance might leap to thousands, where now there are but dozens. I would willingly grant him, say, half a column's space on this page-or even three-quarters, if he would tell what he honestly thinks of Claggett Wilson's Bible filustrations, so appropriately alcoved in Brooklyn. But perhaps one is too swift in attributing significance to the Claggett Wilson alcove since-now that one comes to think of it-all the artists are in alcoves. But perhaps our Letter Writer will see in this but a subterfuge. Alcoves heretofore have been so peculiarly French.

Of late the art of water coloring, it must be allowed, has fallen into what the late Grover Cleveland used to refer to as an "innocuous desuetude." For this there have been so many contributory causes that only an Einstein could disentangle and label the main one. The most likely villain is usually the nearest one, and I for my part generally saddle all the blame upon the water color societies of Manhattan, which have lowered the standard of the things they accept until the bewildered spectator fancies himself sometimes in, say, the art section of a remote county fair. It

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form in a certain still life of fruit and vivid vegetables, and her virtuosity is a watercolorist is apparent in "The Coming Storm." In this there is a dash and abandonment to the medium that can be matched nowhere in modern annals except in the work of John Marin. The cloud in this picture is not particularly thrilling as an achievement, but the amazing greens of the river bank are, notably.

George H. Clements is an academiciar

who is not an academician-if you get

what I mean. That is, he has a rather

dutiful attitude toward technique

and never would wish to offend Fifty-

seventh street if he could help it, but in

spite of all that becomes so immersed

every little while in his subject that he

a mood. Moods are unacademic, but

they happen in the best regulated fam-

In Joint Exhibition

Sailboats and Flowers

ploitations of art are rare.

requires enterprise, it is true, to compete with the dealers, all of whom are avid for water colors, and to whose shops it is now the custom to shall be obliged of course to take again the fourney to Brocklyn, for such an opgo, rather than to the exhibitions of the societies, for all that is best and significant in this art. Lack of enterprise is, however, a fatal accusation to make of any institution, for Memorial Exhibition without enterprise in these days in stitutions dwindle.

But no such thing may be said to Brooklyn. "Enterprise" is the Brooklyn Museum's middle name.

All the topnotchers of fame, such as Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, is contagious, and it is probably not al-John La Farge and Robert Blum, are represented, s de by side, with the work of meteors flashing in the present day skles, such as John Marin, Arthur B. ekies, such as John Marin, Arthur B. Davies, Charles Demuth and Charles Burchfield. An apology is made in the catalogue's foreword to the geniuses whose works are not being shown—but really, who that is worth while has been left out? All the artists who have stirred the waters in the pool of medicerity seem to be included, and so with clear conscience the student can be ded not to miss this show of recommended not to miss this show of all that is best among native water colors. There are no blank places in it. Every artist who is there is there for an appreciable reason, and most of them are seen at their best.

Modern of the Moderns.

The argumentative will argueargue they must—over the presence in such a collection of the groups by such men as John Marin, Charles Demuth, men as John Marin, Charles Demuth, William Zorack and Man Ray. All these tre modern of the moderns. That is to say they are in advance of their public. They are husily engaged in holding the mirror up to a society that has not yet run its course. The Anonymous Letter Writer will say—and far be it from me Writer will say—and far be it from me to detract in any way from the news value of his Furious Outburst—that it is a preciously cracked mirror that they are holding up, but they will reply or I will for them, that it is society that is cracked. (For details consult Wells, G. B. Shaw, Bjornson, Gorky, Maximilian Underdes, et al.)

As an artist she had an exploring mind, vehement enthusiasms, a senuine color sense, a contempt for worn out formulas and the courage to bank an upon her convictions. Her star rose at a time when the hollowness of acader correlies became appearance. Harden et al.).

John Marin is probably the greatest living exponent of the medium, or certainly he is the greatest upon this side of the water. The sweep and breadth of his eloquent water colors are born of as deep emotions as are those discernible. a time when the hollowness of acader cealism became apparent to all, and so to her, as to many others, a great deal of her energy went into the effort to simplify. This paved the way to early outcries of "laziness." but in Miss Roger's case no accusation could be falser. She worked. She worked hard, and in certain of her naintings there already. deep emotions as are the set of the background of great performances.

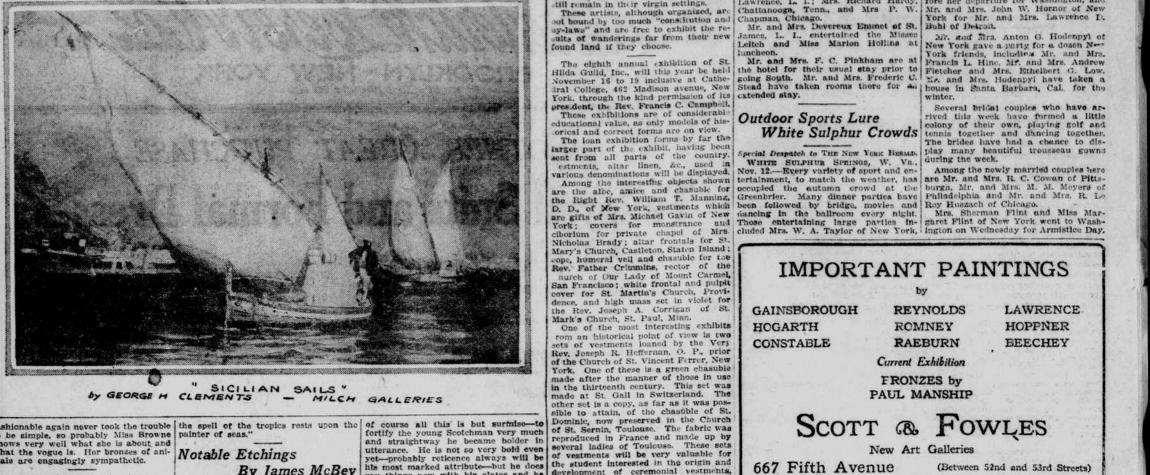
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Novelties on Exhibition.

The diligence of the organizers of this exhibition may be attested by the novelties in it. As novelists must be listed some exceedingly agreeable little aquarelles by my old friend Joseph Pennell. Few peorle knew he water colored. I didn't. This will be my chance to come to a rapprochement with him, for there has been a slight coolness between Joe and me ever since I wrote something a few veers ago. His views of the lower river from a Brooklyn housetop are rippin. (I'm told that "g's" are now tev very aco. His views of the lower river from a Brooklyn housetop are rippin. (I'm told that "g's" are now distinctly articulated in the best London circles, but I'm writing this for Joe, who hasn't been to London lately.) One enthusiast who liked them very more enthusiast who liked them very more praised them with the adjective Whist-lerian, but I don't think so. I didn't know who in the least had done them and had to look up the artist in my catalogue, so I prefer to call them Pender in the best regarded the liles, you see.

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CLEMENTS - MILE

At the Whitney Studio

Joseph Stella and H. E. Schnakenberg are the artists of the moment in the Whitney Studio Galleries, and both are represented by imposing groups of their works. Mr. Stella, of course, is no newworks. Mr. Stella, of course, is no new-comer to the New York scene, but is an id acquaintance to all of those who follow the experimental game. He has been at times frankly four dimensional and created more than one stir with his ubes. His most notable success was a large and highly emotionable "Brooklyn Bridge," which is not included in the present exhibition. resent exhibition.

Another admired panel, called "Spring,"

Dudensing Galleries and in the Brooklyn Another admired panel, called "Spring," once shown with success at the Societe Anonyme, is seen again, but not this time to such advantage as before. Possibly it is too high upon the walls. The lighting emphasizes the mechanics of it, and the means employed can very well be forgotten in first rate works of art Mr. Stella fares better this time with "Church," which we produce, with tich dark colors and some positive blacks. Mr. Stella, in fact, is generally impressive in his night scenes, with cold blues you blacks. Museum. It is greatly to the credit of Mr. Dudensing owes his acquaintance with the dead artist's work to the Independent Society of Artists, who gave her the honor of a special memorial exhibition. In his own gallery he is able to show them to greater advantage, since the room in the Waldorf-Astoria was

sive in his night scenes, with cold blues on blacks.

Mr. Schnakenberg has had less experience with galleries than his companion, but is lucky in making a first appearance in rooms that help out his color so much. Mr. Schnakenberg is in process of forming a style, and ought in all reason to form a good one in time. He appears to have an exceedingly good pair of eyes in his head, capable, in particular, of appreciating form. He paints plums and pears that are good enough to eat.

Other fine assets that he has are color, breadth of view and an instinct for design. There is, of course, the inevitable suggestion of Ceranne. But that's in the air. Probably it is the fault of the plums and pears. The minute that any one begins to paint them they become self-conscious and assume an attitude like old warhorse models in an art school. not particularly becoming to them, and it will be of special interest to note what friends now materialize for Miss Rogers.
In judging a career that has been in judging a career that has been as this one was, it abruptly cut off, as this one was, it is a handicap not to know precisely the sequence of the works; but in all proo-ability Miss Rogers will be remembered annity arise Rogers will be remembered not only as one upon whom the fates bestowed great gifts but to whom they refused the necessary time for their full development. There is every evidence that she was about to come into her own at the moment when the curtain rang down for her forever.

Caribbean Marines By Frederick J. Waugh

Frederick J. Waugh, the mark nainter, has been following good precedent by visiting the West Indies to see

has some Cezame touches here and there, but upon the whole it owes no more to him than all of the American impressionists owe to Pissaro and Sis-ley. Her color is seen in its most vital form in a certain still life of fruit and yielded to it, but that he stood it oft so long. The sea is a changeable mistress anywhere, but the painter who woos her from too fixed a position is apt to drift into habits in his manner of approach. A complete cleansing of the palette and an outfit of new blandishments some-times has an effect upon any fickle god-

dess.

In the "Onrush of Mighty Waters" Mr. Waugh has secured some fine, swift wave lines, and in certain other pictures he has achieved majestic rocky settings for the sea, but for the most part he was content whilst in the south to bask in the color and light. His canvases seem like variations of a given theme. Textures are not greatly insisted upon in certain pictures the surf crumb es like a giant opaque cabbage leaf, although at the same time the little surface ripples upon the face of the great wave are broadly enough indicate. wave are broadly enough indicate.
Where texture is scarce a success in this line is notable, and the picture with this line is notable, and the picture with
the shadowy foreground, in which a receding wave has varnished a slippery
flat rock, takes on a special distinction.
Mr. Waugh's enthusinsm over his experfences has resulted also in a little
pen picture of the southern scene, which
runs as follows:

"If antilcipation has greater joy than
fulfilment my West Indian experience
must be unique.

puts real life into it and even achieves

must be unique.

"Enthusiasm grew apace as we entered those clear lapis seas of the South tilantic and Caribbean. It grew by leaps and bounds as the first volcanic neaks of that inimitable island chain sprang into view, and it is strange how soon the Northerner throws off the

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Fewer han usual were the groups for which one felt that the passing flance was sufficient. It harpens often that gems of purest ray seeme do not instantly surrender themselves to the searcher, however eager. Possibly is not so well known in uses parss. Trey say that when he gives an exhibition there crowds of poonle wait outside the doors on Monday morning for the place to open and that within twenty minutes after they are allowed in all the pletures are marked "sold."

This may or may not be a recommendation for the artistle qualities of your viewpoint—but farcy my dismay upon emerging from this end of the autward and point for the modern hunter for simple from this record that wenty minutes after they are allowed in all the pletures are marked "sold."

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What is probably the most complete collection of McBey etchings yet brought together in this country is now on view in the gallerles of Frederick Keppel & Co. It contains impressions from all the best known plates and a considerable number of trial proofs, of which McBey made but few.

James McBey is an etcher who has

fashionable again never took the trouble to be simple, so probably Miss Browne knows very well what she is about and what the vogue is. Her bronzes of animals are engagingly sympathetic.

Notable Etchings

By James McBey

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At the Whitney Studio

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THE CHURCH " STUDIO GALLERIES

etched with reticence, and even downright timidity. That is, he was timid about actually saying anything. His strokes were correct enough and had the true etcher nervosity. There is a considerable and valiant band of collectors who will stand for strokes in preference to anything else and these worthy and serviceable pioneers gave out the flat that McBey was one of those to be collected. So he was collected.

The "Nanuet Painters and Sculptors," exhibiting in the Babcock Galleries, is a group of painters and sculptors working principally in the historic country adjacent to the Tappan Zee on the west bank of the Hudson about thirty miles from New York city. The history of this ing, appeared—and I say "appeared," for



ME ME HARRY PATHE WHITNEY'S OVERSEAS EXHIBITION

the early Indian and Dutch landmarks still remain in their virgin settings.

These artists, although organized, are not bound by too much "constitution and oy-laws" and are free to exhibit the results of wanderings far from their new found land if they choose.

The eighth annual exhibition of St. Hilda Guild, Inc., will this year be held November 16 to 19 inclusive at Cathedral College, 462 Madison avenue, New York, through the kind permission of its president, the Rev. Francis C. Campbell.

These exhibitions are of considerable educational value, as only models of historical and correct forms are on view.

The loan exhibition forms by far the larger part of the exhibit, having been sent from all parts of the country, estments, altar linen, &c., used in various denominations will be displayed.

White Sulphur Crowds

White Sulphur Grows Banks Banks Day Port and environment of the country o

of St. Sernin, Toulouse. The fabric was reproduced in France and made up by several ladies of Toulouse. These sets of vestments will be very valuable for the student interested in the origin and development of ceremonial vestments, especially by their contrast with what we generally see to-day.

There will also be a number of various sorts of vestments on sale and made by St. Hilda Guild, Inc.

The great London dailies now arriving in this country contain what must be regarded as placid comments upon the sale of Gainsborough's "Blue Boy." The moderated accents of the critic for the

moderated accents of the critic for the Daily Telegraph may be accepted as typical. He says, in part:

"Two great masterpieces are to leave England, for we are in a position to state authoritatively that after much consideration and negotiation the Duke of Westminster has consented to part with these famous portraits known to of Westminster has consented to part with those famous portraits known to the world as Gainsborough's 'Blue Boy' and 'The Tragic Muse,' by Reynolds, With Mr. Lance Hannen of Christie's, acting as expert assessor and confidential intermediary, the Duke has agreed to accept Sir Joseph Duveen's offer of £200,000 for the pair. For some time past tongues have been both inquiring and busy concerning the fate of these masterpieces of British art. It was only natural, because it will be recalled that, two years ago the Duke gave a distinct sign of beginning to loosen his hold when he had 'The Tragic Muse' despatched sign of beginning to loosen his hold when he had 'The Tragic Muse' despatched to Christie's for public competition. Of that occasion the last open bid against the reserve price was 55,000 guineas, and the portrait of that 'stateliest ornament of the public mind,' Mrs. Siddons, was withdrawn.

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"In theory the beautiful idea should have no relation to price, yet many peopie will still be wondering what valuation should be placed on 'The Trage'. Muse.' Let it at once be stated that this becomes a question of secondary consideration when compared with the valuation put upon Gainsborough's wonderful 'Blue Boy.' For there was a stage in the course of these recent negotiations when Sir Joseph Duveen's offer of £150-000 for this incomparable portrait was definitely refused by the Duke's assessor, Mr, Hannen."

School of the Theatre To Open Wednesday

The School of the Theatre, an organzation founded and directed by some of the leading men and women of the heatrical group, will open next Wednesday in the Lexington Theatre Building Lexington avenue and Fifty-first street. Those responsible for this new developapparently responded to appreciation. He began with extreme hesitancy and etched with reticence, and even downright timidity. That is, he was timid about actually saying anything. His strokes were correct enough and had the true etcher nervosity. There is a contract of the property of

Stuart Walker and Ciare Tree Major.

An interesting feature of this new school is the development of an experimental theatre, which will be operated by the students under professional direction. The stage is as large as many of the regular theatre stages, the theory of the directors being that students cannot be prepared properly for professional work on a class room stage. Students will receive not less than six months work in this theatre before being graduated, and the directors expect to make ated, and the directors expect to mak ated, and the directors expect to make such interesting offerings that the the-atre soon will be running on a regular schedule of six nights a week. In this way the students will-receive all the ad-vantages of a working etock company under professional direction, while they

are at the same time working at their echnical development.

The School of the Theatre stage also will serve the general theatre in many ways. It will offer a medium for experimentation to seemic artists and playscights and if may be used as a treat wrights, and it may be used as a tryou

wrights, and it may be used as a tryout theatre by producers. It will give to foreign artists and to those from other States an opportunity to introduce their work to New York.

A special course of lectures by Kenneth Macgowan will begin during this week and a special class in scenic design under Gorelik will begin at the same time. Entrance to both these classes as well as to the regular classes in dancing, fencing, voice diction and the other forms of theatrical technique may be arranged for persons interested only in these subjects. in these subjects.

Mrs. Havemeyer At Garden City

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.
Garden City, L. I., Nov. 12.—Between the Election Day fox hunt of the Meadow Brook Hunt Club, in which nearly fifty women were in the saiddle, the numerous matches on the Salisbury, Cherry Valley, Garden City and Hompstead Country Club golf courses and the large number of visitors at the country homes on Nassau County and those at the Garden City Hotel, this has been a besy social centre during the week. On Tuesday the hunt meet will be from the home of Mr. Ralph N. Ellis.

Arrivals at the Garden City Hotel include Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Farmer, Mrs. Frederick C. Havemeyer, Mrs. Waller C. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Burras, Mr. E. W. Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Harrington, Mrs. John I. Stepnens, Mr. W. W. Niles, Mrs. James Horman Aldrich, Mrs. John I. Kane, Mrs. C. B. Burrill, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Niles and Mr. and Mrs. George C. Heek and family of New York; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barrett' Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dalzell, I. E. Chalman, F. B. Coates, Loring M. Black, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Ryerson of Brocklyn, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Pinkham,

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